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The subject application, Serial No. 10/624,281, is a continuation application of above-referenced U.S. Patent No. 6,595,590, which is a continuation-in-part of above-referenced U.S. Patent No. 6,540,301.

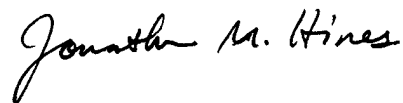
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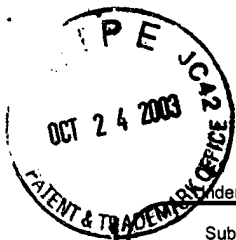
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	CA	REL PRODUCTS; "Topside Creeper"; Published prior to June 24, 1999; Entire brochure.	
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